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In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

At the top of the first page, just under the title, insert:

1. ☒--This is a ☒ Continuation-In-Part ☐ Divisional  
☐ Continuation ☐ Substitute Application (MPEP. 201.09) of  
 1(a) ☒ National Application No. 09 / 436,362 filed Nov. 9, 1999.  
 1(b) ☐ International Application No. PCT/\_\_\_/  
 filed \_\_\_ which designated the U.S.--  
 2. ☐--This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No.  
 60/\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_--

Respectfully submitted,

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